



# Thirty-seventh Annual Convention

OF THE

Department of Indiana

## Woman's Relief Corps

Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps.

This convention marks another mile-stone in the onward march of our noble organization, which is Auxilliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

A year ago when you placed the gavel in my hand and intrusted the welfare and guidance of our order to my keeping, it was with a feeling of pride and appreciation, I accepted this honor, pledging to give of my time, strength and thought to the furtherance of the interest of our organization.

I can truthfully say I have kept this promise to the best of my ability and endeavored to advance the interest of our order in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Immediately after the Department Convention, I wrote the newly elected Department Commander W. F. Medsker, extending congratulations and pledging allegiance and loyalty to the organization of which we are auxiliary. I am deeply indepted to Commander Medsker and Assistant Adjutant-General Ball for the many courtesies shown us.

### ARMY NURSES

Next to the Grand Army of the Republic, in our affections, are the "Angels of Mercy." Each was remembered with a check for \$2.50 and a letter of greeting at Christmas time, which were gratefully acknowledged by the nine Army Nurses.

### ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

To the Allied Organizations, our Department extends Greetings and best wishes. Most cordial relations have existed between the

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different organizations and our order. We certainly appreciate the splendid work of the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary at our Department Conventions, for which we extend sincerest thanks. Nor would I forget to thank the United Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliary for the liberal contribution to our Christmas fund. Most pleasant and helpful were our relations with the purchasing committee at the glad Christmas time.

I am happy to state that our organization appreciates the true worth and sterling qualities of the American Legion, and stands ready at all times to render service when needed.

#### **SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHAN HOME—KNIGHTSTOWN**

This home is one of the most beautiful and interesting Institutions in the state. It consists of 242 acres of valuable and fertile land in addition to 18 beautiful brick and 15 wooden buildings.

The sanitary, heating and lighting conditions in the home are well looked after by the management, and the health of the children has been excellent. My first official visit was made during the week of commencement. The annual commencement exercises and Home coming of ex-pupils and ex-employees was held Thursday, June 19, 1919. Too much praise cannot be given to the pupils and instructors for their excellent work.

My next visit was in response to an invitation by the Department Commander. As our order has no special visiting committee, I felt that it was the duty of the President for the good of the order to represent the Department on this occasion. Conducted by Superintendent Short, we visited several of the rooms, including the day school, domestic science rooms, the store room, bakery, laundry, carpenter and paint shops, printing office, children's kitchen and dining room. After dinner we were given a fine musical treat by the band, and a playette entitled "Betsy Ross Making The First Flag." was given in the chapel.

The population statistics given us Oct. 29, is as follows:

Children enrolled .....	378
Civil War children .....	52
Civil War grand children .....	154
Spanish American children .....	118
Philippine War children .....	21
Regular Army children .....	22
World War children.....	11

My third visit was made at the glad Christmas time.

The day before Christmas, assisted by the Dept. Secretary and two members of the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, we prepared the gifts for the children, who received them Christmas morning.

It is a pleasure to recall the Christmas Carols which echoed through the corridors at 4:30 Christmas morning. The thanks and expressions of gratitude I received, from the children, when I visited the different divisions, will ever be a pleasant memory. The courtesies received from the Officers and Governesses all assist in making my visits long to be remembered.

To the Grand Army of Ind., The Corps of our Dept., The U. S. W. Veterans and their Auxiliary, The Chairman of the Christmas Committee, and all who assisted in any manner, I extend sincerest thanks,



The chairman of the Committee has prepared an interesting report of the purchasing.

### SOLDIERS' STATE HOME—LAFAYETTE

The Indiana State Soldiers' Home was established through the untiring efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic, commencing at the Department Encampment held in Indianapolis 1886. The beautiful location was selected in 1892. The tract of woodland of 187 acres, is situated on the west bank of the Wabash river, four miles north of the city of Lafayette and three miles south-west of the famous Tippecanoe battle ground.

Seventy-five acres is platted in most beautiful arrangement, 185 feet above low water mark of the Wabash. One who has never visited this Home has no idea of the beauty and elegance of the city.

It was my great pleasure to make my first visit to this splendid Institution Nov. 12, 1919, and I was most courteously received by all whom it was my pleasure to meet. Mrs. Ingersol, the Matron, conducted me over the city and through all the State Buildings showing and explaining all points of interest. This Home not only provides for the Veteran, but for the wives and widows also. While my visits to the Home were very pleasant in many respects yet, when I visited the Hospital, I grew sick at heart and tears fell unbidden from my eyes. The Woman's Relief Corps may be proud of the assistance it has given, and the yearly donation of jellies and fruit juices it sends to the Hospital patients.

The Corps members of the home, honored the Dept. President with a reception in the parlor of the Widow's New Home, the evening of Nov. 12. Many pleasant acquaintances were formed and new friends made during this visit. Dec. 16, when a committee was called by Comrade Ketcham, to make a tour of inspection, as chairman of the committee, accompanied by three Past Department Presidents, it was my privilege to again meet friends in the Home.

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

It was my privilege and great pleasure to attend ten of the thirteen district conventions.

Much interest was manifested by the number of delegates and comrades present. The reports, drills, luncheons, dinners, and receptions gave evidence of the fraternal spirit and good will existing among the members, also between Posts and Corps.

The Senior Vice President has prepared a condensed report of each convention.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, September 9, 10, 11, 1919, to which Indiana was well represented. The voting strength of our delegation was: Officers, five; Past Presidents, nine; Delegates, eight; Total twenty-two. I believe that the Resolutions adopted at this Convention has been largely responsible for the increased interest and enthusiasm in our work this year.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recommendation No. 1

That any Department Officer may have her picture placed in the Journal, providing said Officer pays the expense of the printing of the picture.

Realizing that it is a saving of time and money for the return address to be placed on the envelopes of letters, and our official envelope bears the names of four officers, I offer  
Recommendation No. 2

That the name of the Press Correspondent be omitted from the envelope of Department stationery, thereby giving space for the name of the officer using the envelope.

At a regular meeting of Geo. H. Thomas W. R. C. No. 20, it was unanimously voted to petition the Department Convention to transfer said Corps from District No. 7 to a more convenient district, either No. 2 or No. 9. The distance necessary to travel to reach the district meetings, as now arranged, makes attendance impossible to the great majority of the members, and deprives their Corps of the benefit that it would have if the members were able to attend and take part in such conventions, I offer  
Recommendation No. 3

That the request be granted and No. 20 W. R. C. be transferred to District No. 9 because I believe No. 9 needs their assistance.

## FINANCES

The same "high cost of living" that effects every avenue of trade, has, by no means, made our Department an exception. There has never been a time when prices on goods and work were so uncertain. Every few weeks we were reminded that prices on supplies had advanced. On account of the unrest among laborers and the scarcity of paper, our bills for printing have been greatly increased. Much time has been spent searching for the best goods for the least money. We have very cautiously guarded the finances, eliminating every unnecessary expense. The Department Treasurer's report will give full details of the financial condition of the Department. In view of existing conditions, I offer

## Recommendation No. 4

That the per capita tax advanced Two Cents each quarter, making the per capita tax ten cents instead of eight cents per quarter.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Our Department Patriotic Instructor has very ably managed this branch of our work and has submitted a very comprehensive report. I really believe that Corps Patriotic Instructors should exert just a little more energy in bringing this work before the public, and make their reports promptly on time.

To reduce the expense of the department we adopted a resolution in 1919 "That no picture be placed in the Journal, except that of the Department President, and a Memorial Picture, if there be one." I offer



### IN MEMORIAM

The dreaded Angel of Death has visited many homes of our members, and the toll has been heavy in our Department. We have lost 207 faithful and loyal patriotic members, including one Past National President, two Past Department Presidents, one past Department Treasurer and one Army Nurse.

The Grand Army is rapidly passing away, silence reigns in an ever increasing number of Post Halls. The Department lost by death during the year 1919, 550 Comrades.

While their ranks are growing thinner,  
Comrades falling one by one,  
Let us closer stand together  
Till their battles all are done.  
Let us keep the fires fraternal  
Brightly burning in each breast,  
Till for them the taps are sounded  
And they take their final rest."

Sympathy is extended all relatives and friends.

### STANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT

At the beginning of my year there were 120 Corps with a membership of 6798. Today I bring to you 116 Corps with a membership of 7099, making a net gain of 301.

There was great rejoicing in headquarters when our Instituting and Installing Officer announced the organization of two new Corps. One of my greatest pleasures of the year was my visit to Whiting when Col. Theodore Roosevelt Corps, No. 263 was organized Jan. 20, 1920. Harry C. Long Corps, No. 264, organized at Indiana Harbor, May 6, 1920.

The spirit of enthusiasm manifest during the year gives evidence of greater increase in Corps and membership. Be that it as it may, I hold that the work of the Secretary and Treasurer is no less arduous and responsible than in former years, and I believe that our Department should show the same appreciation and maintain the same standard as formerly. Therefore I offer  
Recommendation No. 5

That the Department Secretary and Treasurer receive the original salary of \$200 each, beginning with this administration.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is difficult for me to express the appreciation I feel to the Officers and Committees who have rendered such loyal service to the cause and loving sympathy and assistance to me during my administration.

In a few short hours the gavel will be placed in the hands of my



successor and the pleasures and responsibilities will be given to another. I wish for her the same loyalty, thoughtfulness and co-operation that you have given me.

It is useless for me to name the officer, for each in her work has been faithful and true; and I trust that the ties of friendship formed this year may be lasting.

I feel, however, that I would be ungrateful if I failed to thank personally, my Secretary, Treasurer and Counselor who have been ever ready and willing to lighten my labor or give me a word of encouragement.

To the Past Presidents, I appreciate your words of encouragement. To the friends who entertained me in their homes so hospitably, I thank you.

To my own Corps and Post, I am at a loss to find words to express my thanks for the many courtesies they have shown me. I sincerely thank them for the reception given me and for the honor of presenting, on behalf of our Corps a beautiful Flag to Legion Post No. 39, at a public meeting where the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, and American Legion were honored guests.

Nor should I neglect to thank Mr. Oliver, printer, for the beautiful Department invitations presented to us.

A word of thanks should be expressed to the efficient Auditors for their very reasonable charges.

Many invitations have been extended to me, but for various reasons I was not permitted to accept all of them. But to every one who has shown me any favor, whatsoever, I extend thanks.

### IN CONCLUSION

This has been a very busy and happy year, but if I have in any degree met with the approval of the Department or been of any benefit to the order I shall consider my labor and time well spent.

Submitted in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

EVA ROBERTS COURTNEY,

Department President.

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### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Mrs. Eva R. Courtney, Department President:

In accordance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit to you and the Department, my report for the year just closing.

With regret I report four fewer Corps than we had at the beginning of the year. Notwithstanding this fact I am indeed happy that I can report a net gain of 301 in membership as follows:

Total membership beginning of year.....	6798
Total gain June 30t, 1919.....	604
Total gain Sept. 30, 1919.....	544
Total gain Dec. 30, 1919.....	1113

Total gain Marc 31, 1920.....	487
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Total.....	9546
Losses during year	...
June 30th, 1919.....	893
Sept. 30th, 1919.....	477
Dec. 31st, 1919.....	568
March 31st, 1920 .....	509
Total loss.....	2447

Present Membership....7099

This figure shows us to have a greater membership than the Grand Army of the Republic. Their report of Dec. 31st was 6039.

Number of Corps beginning of year.....	120
Disbanded .....	5
Consolidated .....	2

Total loss .....	7
Gained by Charter .....	3

Number of Corps in the Department, 116, with only three delinquent. One I am sure will re-instate, the other two are struggling for existence. I feel very grateful to my own Corps, Maj. Robert Anderson No. 44, for the payment of five quarters per capita tax, for Martin R. Delaney No. 118. As a result of this re-instatement, they are at present in good standing, and in a fairly prosperous condition.

Total number of persons assisted during the year, 660.

I have received at this office 1267 pieces of mail, have sent 2621 pieces, which in addition to notes, letters and cards, included the following:

National General Orders.....	12
National Circulars .....	2
Child Well Fare Blanks .....	1
National Pass-word .....	1
Department General Orders .....	10
Department Circulars .....	2
Department Pass-word .....	1
Department Rosters.....	167
Aide Commissions .....	128
Credentials .....	640
Identification Certificates .....	600

This does not include report blanks which are required by Rules and Regulations.

Invoice of Department property in Secretary's office:

I Desk,	
1 Seal,	
11 Aide Commission,	
175 Manila Envelopes,	
11 Charter Applications	
2 Form G,	
70 Corps Treasurer Bonds,	
16 Form E,	
16 Form B,	
130 Form U,	
47 Form L,	



370 Form J,  
1200 Form A  
1200 Form D,  
20 Dept Rosters,  
78 Pink Envelopes for Pass Word.

I have endeavored to answer all inquiries, and comply with every request that came to me from National or Department.

I feel very grateful to the Department for all courtesies that have been shown me, and the many messages that have been received from the members. The year has been a pleasant one indeed, and I shall cherish the memory of it all.

I know a friendship has been cemented between you and me, Mrs. President, that will last. I shall miss your letters that have been such a pleasure throughout the year, and I assure you that the year's work has been one of loving service. And if this brief summary meets with your approval, then I am fully repaid.

"That's why I like old friends like you—

Jes' 'cause you're so abidin';

Ef I was built to live "For Keeps"

My principal residin'

Wouldst be among the folks' at kep'

Me allus thinkin' of em'

And sort o' eechin' all the time

To tell 'em how I love 'em.

Most Sincerely Yours in F. C. & L.,

EDNA E. PAULEY,

Department Secretary.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary:

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of our order I have the honor to submit the following report for the term beginning May 8, 1919 to May 10, 1920:

### All Funds

Amount received from Dr. Mabel Teague, retiring Dept.

Treasurer .....	\$.. 611.91
General Fund .....	416.15
Relief Fund .....	100.00
Convention Flag Fund.....	44.11
Christmas Fund .....	51.65

### General Fund

Balance at beginning of term.....	416.15
Received for Supplies and Postage.....	1,185.79
Received for Per Capita Tax.....	2,241.44
Received from Dr. Mabel Teague Past Department Treasurer	
Balance from Convention estimate.....	56.81
Received from Eva R. Courtney, Department President	
Balance from National Convention estimate.....	78.54



Received from Eva R. Courtney, Department President	
For rent of rooms at National Convention.....	20.75
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Expenditures Table A.....	3,410.18
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Balance General Fund.....	589.30

## Abstract of Expenditures

Table A.	
To Estella E. Plopper, Nat. Treas. Per Capita Tax.....	701.31
To Estella E. Plopper, Nat. Treas. Supplies and Postage....	957.03
To Freight and Express.....	20.95
To Estimate Expense National Convention .....	150.00
To Ribbon for National Badges.....	20.00
To Winchester Journal (Printing).....	190.19
To Printing Department Journals.....	275.00
To Mailing Department Journals (Sallie C. Sawyer).....	8.01
To Officer's Stationery.....	6.40
To Army Nurses Christmas Gifts.....	22.50
To Premium Department Treasurer's Bond.....	5.00
To Traveling Expense Department President.....	115.00
To Eliza J. Crisler Auto hire (Account of Inspection).....	2.00
To Millie I. Davis (I. and I. Officer).....	5.00
To Salary Department Secretary.....	150.00
To Salary Department Treasurer.....	150.00
To Postage Department President.....	25.00
To Postage Department Secretary .....	73.70
To Postage Department Treasurer.....	61.96
To Postage Mary Catherine Witt.....	9.64
To Postage Mary E. Dodds.....	2.27
To May W. Cassada (Expense getting books to Auditor)...	3.14
To Smith & Kabel (Auditing Books).....	15.00
To Edna E. Pauley (Official Expense Fairmount).....	2.45
To Winchester Journal (Printing).....	87.75
To May W. Cassada (Testimonial to Dept. President).....	80.00
To Eva R. Courtney (Convention Estimate).....	200.00
To Elizabeth Pearsey .....	2.50
To Edna E. Pauley, Miscellaneous Expense.....	5.30
To Eva R. Courtney, Expense Committee called by G. A. R.	21.64
To Edna E. Pauley, Ribbons for Convention Badges.....	26.19
For Memorial Flowers.....	11.50
To C. F. Pierce, Picture framing.....	3.75
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Total Expenditures, General Fund.....	\$ 3,410.18

## Relief Fund

Balance at beginning of term.....	100.00
No Receipts	
No Disbursements	
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Balance .....	100.00



## Southern Memorial Fund

Received as shown in Table B.....	80.50
To Estella E. Plopper, National Treasurer.....	67.50
Balance .....	13.00

## Convention Flag Fund

Balance at beginning of term.....	44.11
Received as shown in Table B.....	35.00
	79.11
Paid for Convention Flags.....	44.61
Balance .....	34.50

## Win War or Victory Fund

Received as shown in Table B.....	266.95
To Estella E Plopper, National Treasurer.....	257.45
To Isa B. Hill, Traesurer No. 125.....	5.60
Total Disbursements .....	263.05
Balance .....	3.90

## Christmas Fund

Balance at beginning of term.....	51.65
Received as shown in Table B.....	481.00
Total .....	532.65
Expenditures as shown in Table C.....	323.34
Balance .....	209.31

## Expenditures Christmas Fund

Table C	
Kipp Brothers & Co.....	112.51
Pettis Dry Goods Co.....	106.95
Eva R. Courtney (Mdse) Committee.....	2.90
Eva R. Courtney, Expense Purchasing Committee.....	26.34
E. J. Gausephol & Co.....	39.42
Pettis Dry Goods Co.....	8.56
Peoples Outfitting Co.....	25.76
Kipp Brothers & Co.....	.90
Total .....	323.34

## Table of Balances

Win War or Victory Fund.....	3.90
Southern Memorial Fund.....	13.00
General Fund .....	589.30
Relief Fund .....	100.00
Convention Flag Fund.....	34.50
Christmas Fund .....	209.31
Total Cash Balance.....	950.01



## Invoice of Supplies

Table D

144 Corps Officers Badges (all grades).....	72.00
69 Corps and Department Past Officers Badges.....	39.33
9 Membership Badges .....	4.50
11 Bronze Emblems .....	.77
28 Silver Emblems .....	1.96
12 Gilt Emblems .....	.84
4 Gold Recognition Pins (14 K).....	12.00
5 Gold Recognition Pins (10 K).....	11.25
3 Rolled Gold Recognition Pins.....	3.37
1 Rolled Gold Charm.....	1.25
1 Red Geneva Cross.....	1.75
50 Patriotic Selections .....	1.00
139 Ballot Cubes (Black) .....	1.39
68 Ballot Balls (White).....	.68
20 Sheet Music (Tossing Flowers on the Billows).....	.64
33 Sheet Music (Opening Ode) .....	.45
11 Initiation March.....	2.20
4 Beath's Blue Books.....	5.00
2 Red Books .....	1.50
2 Ode Cards .....	.08
4 Department Cash Books.....	6.00
3 Corps Cash Books .....	4.05
3 Journals .....	4.05
5 Ledgers .....	6.65
9 Corps Secretary Order Books .....	5.40
8 Corps Treasurer Receipt Books .....	4.80
2 Letter Files .....	1.60
4 General Order Files.....	2.70
18 Rules and Regulations.....	1.80
2 Corps Service Books.....	.30
12 Burial and Memorial Service Books.....	2.40
23 Rituals .....	6.90
3 Department Secretary Order Books.....	2.25
41 Department Transfer Cards.....	1.26
18 Corps Transfer Cards.....	.58
15 Discharge Cards.....	.45
49 Corps Treasurer Bonds.....	.49
774 Form W .....	7.74
58 Applications for Membership .....	.58
2 Oleographs .....	.80
8 Independence Charts .....	3.20
11½ Yards Badge Ribbon.....	4.60
2 Silk Flags (32x48).....	4.80
6 Staffs .....	3.00
350 Shipping Tags .....	1.00
120 Arrearage Blanks .....	.75
1 Scales .....	4.50

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Corps No.		Christmas Southern Conven- Win War			
		Fund	Memorial Fund	tion and Flag Fund	or Victory Fund
	Department of Indiana G. A. R....	\$122.00	\$	\$	\$
	United Spanish War Veterans....	100.00			
	United Span. War Vet. Aux....	24.50			
1	Norman Eddy.....	5.00			
2	DeLong .....	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
3	Gen. Canby .....	2.00			
4	Logan Taylor .....	4.00			11.90
7	Sion S. Bass .....		5.00		
8	Jas. H. Emmett .....	6.00			
9	Sanderson .....	5.00			
10	Geo. H. Chapman .....	5.00	1.00	1.00	
11	Morton .....	5.00			
12	Joel R. Spahr .....	2.00			
14	Auten .....	10.00	2.00		
16	Patton .....	3.00	2.00	2.00	10.00
18	Farragut .....				27.75
19	Gen. John A. Logan.....	2.00			
20	Geo. H. Thomas.....	5.00	2.00		20.00
23	Greencastle .....	1.00			
24	Chaplain Brown .....	1.00	1.00	1.00	27.00
25	Connersville .....	3.00			
27	Waterloo .....	1.00	1.00	.50	
30	Logansport .....	5.00	1.00	1.00	
31	Archer .....	2.00	1.00		
32	Howel .....	2.00	2.00		
37	J. B. Crosswait .....	1.00			
41	Sam Henry .....	1.00			
42	Jas. R. Slack .....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
43	Jos. R. Gordon .....	4.00	2.00		
44	Major Robert Anderson .....	5.00	5.00		5.00
45	Sol Meredith .....	5.00	2.00	1.00	
46	Nelson Trusler .....	10.00	5.00	5.00	15.00
51	Dumont .....	1.00			
54	Wm. Smith .....	.50	1.50	1.50	
59	Geo. W. Stough.....	7.50	2.00	1.00	
60	Duvall .....	5.00	1.00	.50	.50
62	J. B. Mason .....	3.00			
68	Joel Wolf .....	3.00			
69	Lieu't Yakey .....	2.00			
70	Major May .....	5.00	2.00		
72	Lookout .....	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
74	McPherson .....	3.00	2.00		
78	James Price .....		1.00	1.00	1.00
84	Stone River .....	2.00	2.00		
87	Lew Dailey .....	2.00			
89	Ben North .....	1.00	1.00		
92	Paul E. Slocum .....	5.00			
94	T. J. Harrison .....	3.00	2.00	2.00	
96	Geo. W. Lennard .....	5.00	1.00	1.00	
105	Stillwell .....	1.00	2.00		7.00
112	Jesse S. Ogden.....	2.50	1.00	1.00	
113	Pap Thomas .....	3.00	1.00	1.00	

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Corps No.		Christmas	Southern	Conven-	Win War
		Fund	Memorial	tion and	or Victory
		Fund	Flag	Fund	Fund
115	Leslie .....		1.00		
117	Elwood .....	1.00	1.00		
119	Williams .....	5.00	2.00	1.00	
121	Joe Cook .....	2.00			17.50
124	Jacob Stahl .....		.50		
125	Rich Mountain .....	5.00	1.00		
131	Geo. W. Rader .....	5.00			43.75
133	John P. Baird .....	3.00	2.00	1.00	
138	Johnson .....	4.00	5.00	2.00	1.00
143	Magnolia .....	1.00	.50		
146	Morgan .....		1.00		
151	Cambridge City .....	1.00			
154	Stansbury .....	5.00	2.00	1.00	18.85
155	Frank Neff .....		1.00		
160	Samuel Reed .....	1.00			
162	Warsaw .....	5.00	2.00	1.00	10.00
166	Geo V. Rawson .....	2.00	1.00		
183	Ellsworth .....	2.00	1.00	1.00	
196	Alvin P. Hovey .....	2.00			
199	Isham Keith .....	5.00			22.40
212	Harrow .....	5.00	1.00		
216	Blankinship .....	1.00			
220	Remington .....	1.00			9.80
233	Spicely .....	2.00			
240	J. C. Fremont .....	2.00			
244	King David .....				2.00
248	Wm. H. Calkins .....	2.00		2.00	5.00
250	Lafayette Gorden .....	1.00	2.00		
252	Wm. Willis .....	1.00			
260	Jasper Packard .....	7.00	1.00	1.50	8.50
261	Jeff C. Davis .....	5.00			
	Alvida R. White (personal) .....	1.00			
Total .....		481.00	80.50	35.00	266.95

This certifies that we, Harry A. Smith, Cashier of the Randolph County Bank, Winchester, Indiana, and Philip Kabel, Cashier of the Farmer's and Merchants Bank, of Winchester, Indiana, have audited the account of the Department Treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana. From May 8, 1919, to May 10, 1920, and find the books and accounts correct, and the total of all funds on hand in the Department to be \$950.01.

HARRY A. SMITH.

PHILIP KABEL.

## Department Property (Headquarters)

Table E.

2 Silk Banners .....	30.00
2 Cloth Banners .....	3.00
1 Wool Flag .....	15.00



4 Color Bearer's Flags (Mounted).....	13.00
2 Gavels .....	1.00
1 Bible .....	2.50
2 Department Service Books.....	.20
1 Charter .....	5.00
5 General Files .....	7.00
12 Flag Laws .....	.25
10 Department Badges .....	5.00
13 District Cards	
13 Rosters for District Inspectors	
13 Rosters for District Presidents	
3 National Journals (Unbound)	
1 National Journal G. A. R.	
1 Department Journal G. A. R.	
2 Volumes National Journals	
2 Volumes Department Journals (Bound)	
1 Package Surrendered Charters	
1 Package Election Returns (1919)	
2 Desks .....	30.00
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	111.95

#### Free Blanks

50 Corps Treasurer Bonds ..... .50

In closing my year's work as Department Treasurer, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the many favors shown me.

To the Corps Treasurers, whose acquaintance I have made through correspondence, I will say that I am sure if you treat the new Treasurer with the same consideration you have treated me, you will be forever remembered with kindness.

My relations with the National Treasurer have been most pleasant, and I want to thank her for her kindness, timely advice, courtesy, also her promptness in filling my orders.

In conclusion I want to say it is certainly a noble order, that can bear for its motto, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

MAY W. CASSADA,

Treatment Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Elkhart, Ind., April 8, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary:

Complying with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit my report to the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana.

The work of Senior Vice President has been very pleasant, and I have enjoyed hearing from the different Corps.

I wish to thank all who have written letters of encouragement,

I feel that we have all tried to do our best. I also thank the Department President for her patience and kindness shown me.

### District No. 1

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the First Indiana District of the Woman's Relief Corps was held in Princeton, Oct. 9, 1919, and was largely attended.

Our Department President delighted the convention with her presence and pleasing address. Mrs. Lillian Fish, District President, presided. Representation from G. A. R. Post was one of the pleasures of the day. Convention instructed the District Secretary to write, in the name of this convention, to Congressman Lubring to use all possible influence for the passage of the Fuller Bill. Archer Corps No. 31, presented the Ritualistic Work, and was inspected by Cora Dunn.

The following officers were elected: President, Anna B. King, 327 N. Gibson St., Princeton; Vice President, Harriet DeBridger, 613 N. Ninth St., Vincennes; Secretary, Mary Woods, Princeton.

Lillian Fish was indorsed as National Delegate.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

PEARL NOEL,

District Secretary.

### District No. 2.

Danville, Ind., Oct. 7, 1919.

Convention of District No. 2 was called to order by the President of Major Robert Anderson Corps, Mrs. Stephens of Indianapolis.

The District President, Edmonia Dawson, was then introduced. The Department Officers, being in the ante-room, were brought in and introduced to the convention: Department President, Eva Courtney; Department Secretary, Edna Pauley, Past Department President, Alice Pike; Past Department President, Melissa Caylor; Past Department Treasurer, Emma Walshans; Department Press Correspondent, Effie Tevabaugh; Department Treasurer, Marian White; Department President, Mary Hadley; Division Pres. S. of V. Aux., Claudie Erthur.

Convention was opened by the Chaplain reading a passage of Scripture and the convention repeating the Lord's Prayer and singing one verse of America. Members of Post present were given a hearty welcome and Marshall Hess, of Jesse S. Ogden Post gave the address of welcome. The response was given by Effie Tevabaugh.

Very impressive memorial service was held. Mary Hadley gave a beautiful tribute to our beloved Past National President, Agnes Hitt, Alice Pike paid tribute to Past Department President Kate Scott.

The reports given by the Corps Presidents gave evidence of the flourishing condition of the district.

Maj. Robt. Anderson Corps exemplified the work in a very beautiful manner. Alice Pike, Assistant Inspector.

The following officers were elected: President, Henrietta Neal, 831 Eugene St., Indianapolis; Vice President, Margaret M. Hamrick, 517 N. Jackson St., Greencastle; Treasurer, Helen T. Crull, Laurence. Place of next convention is Lizton.

Resolutions were read and accepted. Mrs. Courtney, Department President, gave a very pleasing and encouraging talk which was a



happy closing to our convention as she called attention to our beautiful motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

After the regular order of business convention closed by giving the Flag Salute and singing last verse of America.

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

LOUISE PIERSON,

District Secretary.

### District No. 3.

The twenty-second annual convention of the Third District W. R. C. convened at New Albany, Oct. 10, 1919.

Convention was called to order by the President of Sanderson Corps, Etta Bates, who introduced the District President, Charlotte Jones, who after taking the chair, introduced the Department President, Eva Courtney, of Winchester.

For Scripture Lesson the Chaplain read the 133rd Psalm followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing Opening Ode.

The welcome address was given by Laura McHenry, and Anna Sullivan, of Salem, responded.

After the reports were given by the Corps Presidents, the Department President gave a very interesting report of the National convention, for which she was given a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Eastman, Past Department President of Kentucky, gave a very interesting talk, as did also Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Elliott of Salem.

Rebecca Schreeder gave report of National convention.

Sanderson Corps exemplified the Ritualistic Work with Anna Sullivan, assistant Inspector.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Lola Crawford, 420 N. Washington St., Bloomington; Sr. Vice Pres., Mary England, 314 Indianapolis Ave., Seymour; Jr. Vice President, Bessie Simpson, Salem; Treasurer, Bessie Inman, Bedford. Mrs. Crawford appointed Anna Hewson, Bloomington, Secretary. Bloomington was selected for the next convention.

An interesting Camp Fire was held in the G. A. R. Hall in the evening.

Dinner and supper was served to the guests.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARY R. JONES,

District Secretary.

### District No. 4

The Fourth District Convention of the W. R. C. met in Greensburg, October 28, 1919, with about one hundred members present. Reports from all the Corps in the District were read and showed that much good is being done throughout the district.

The following resolution was adopted and signed by all the members: "To the U. S. Senators of Indiana, we the members of the Fourth District of the W. R. C. Auxiliary to the G. A. R., assembled in convention at Greensburg, Indiana, this 28th day of October, 1919, do heartily approve of the action taken by the Lower House on the Prohibition enforcement Law, and hereby urge the Senators from this great commonwealth to take the same stand to make this country better and safer for Democracy."

Department President, Eva Courtney, and Past Department President Eliza Crisler, and Past Treasurer Winona Deiwert were in attendance.

The Ritual was exemplified by Corps No. 113, with Carrie George, assistant Inspector.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mary Stewart, Westport; Senior Vice President, Josie Webb, Rushville; Junior Vice President, Effie Moore, Shelbyville; Treasurer, Lena Barnard, Greensburg. Mary Little as Delegate and Laura Whalen, Alternate, were indorsed, convention to meet in Shelbyville in 1919.

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

MARGARET STRAUN,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 5

The annual meeting of the Fifth District of the W. R. C., was held at Terre Haute, October 15, 1919, in the First M. E. church which was decorated in the National colors.

There were 146 registered delegates and many guests present. Mrs. Elizabeth Birtch, District President, very ably presided over one of the best conventions ever held in the District.

The morning session was an open meeting, many visitors were present. After singing America, Rev. Frank Daugherty led in prayer.

The following officers were presented: Department President, Eva R. Courtney; Past Department President, Belle W. Ephlin, Past Department Press Correspondent, Ella Hughes; Past Department Chaplain, Jane Cowan; National Delegate, Ella Elliott.

The addresses of welcome were given by Mary McIlvane, the only surviving charter member of Morton Corps, and Jennie Burnett of Baird Corps. Response was given by Mrs. Ephlin.

Ten Corps responded to roll call with good reports.

Mrs. Elliott gave a good report of the National convention. Very impressive memorial services were given for the deceased comrades and members.

Twenty-two Daughters of Veterans, dressed in white, carrying five large flags, were presented and introduced. Cora Sacks, Department President of the D. of V. extended greetings and Laura Mahan, President of Tent No. 4, presented Mrs. Birtch with a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Bessie Meyer and little Miss King favored the convention with solos and Leah Carmichael gave a reading.

Sixteen ladies dressed in red, white and blue gave a very fine drill. The Ritualistic work was splendidly done by Tangier Corps with Ella Hughes, assistant Inspector. Mrs. Ephlin, on behalf of Corps No. 107 presented Mrs. Hughes with a large angel food cake. The Department President gave words of good cheer and advice for the good of the order. Her visit was much enjoyed by all. She and Mrs. Ephlin were presented with flowers by Aunt Jane Cowan.

The following officers were elected: President, Gertrude Uddle, of Sullivan; Sr. Vice President, Della DeBaum, Tangier; Treasurer, Jennie Burnett, Terre Haute; Secretary, Ella Hughes, Terre Haute. Mary Hayworth, of Tangier, and Maggie McDonald, of Clinton, were endorsed as National Delegate and Alternate.



The convention in 1920 will be held in Terre Haute.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ELLA HUGHES,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 6

The twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Sixth District of The Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, was held in the K. of F. Temple, Newcastle October 29, 1919, District President Zora Todd, presiding.

The following officers were present: Department Treasurer, May Cassada; Department Senior Aide, Elizabeth Pearsey; Department Patriotic Instructor, Mary Catherine Witt; Past Department President, Nettie Wink; Past Department Secretary, Nellie Myers; Junior Vice President, Savannah Groves.

The morning session was an open meeting. The address of welcome was given by Rose Craig, response by Mary Austin, of Richmond.

Memorial services for deceased comrades, members and boys-in-brown were held; with special service for Mrs. Kate Scott, Past Department President, and a member of this District, by Nettie Wink.

Eight Corps of the District responded to roll call with good reports. Several comrades from G. W. Lennard Post attended the sessions.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Savannah Groves; Sr. Vice Preasident, Nola Hargron; Treasurer, May Cassada.

Greenfield was selected as the place for next convention.

The Ritualistic work was given by G. W. Lennard Corps and inspected by Adella Phenis, of Richmond.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARY W. LIVZEY,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 7

Meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Pearsey, President of the local Corps who introduced Mrs. Dorcy, of Anderson, the District President, then introduced Eva R. Courtney, Department President; Mary Catherine Witt, Department Patriotic Instructor; Elizabeth Pearsey, Department Senior Aide; Ida McBride, Past National President; Catherine M. Hoster, Past National Inspector and Secretary; Anna Batchelor, National Delegate.

Mrs. Pearsey gave the welcome address and Mrs. McBride responded.

Memorial services were held for two faithful members who had passed away during the year. Mrs. McBride gave tribute to the memory of her life long friend, Agnes Hitt who departed September 9, 1919. Mrs. Courtney paid tribute to the memory of Kate Scott, who passed away September 19, 1919.

All Corps gave good reports and Mrs. Batchelder gave a fine report of the National convention.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Bertha Patton, Mun-  
cie; Sr. Vice President, Tillie Windsor, Elwood; Treasurer, Minerva Ward, Tipton.

Several comrades from Williams Post were escorted to the platform and favored the convention with several songs which was enjoyed by all. Williams Corps presented the work of the Ritual, which was well done.

Mrs. Witt was endorsed as National Delegate and Mrs. Batchelder as Alternate.

The next District Convention is to be held in Anderson. Mrs. Courtney gave a talk which was much enjoyed by all.

After giving the flag salute convention closed.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

MINERVA F. WARD,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 8

The eighth District Convention was held in Montpelier, October 31, 1919, with a large attendance, although the rain poured in torrents all day. The convention was held in the I. O. O. F. hall with Ida Chronister presiding. The address of welcome was given by Mable Wearley and responded to by Margaret Louthan of Ft. Wayne.

Splendid reports were given by the Corps Presidents and Clara Sample gave a lovely report of the National convention for which she was given a vote of thanks.

Department President, Eva Courtney; Department Chaplain, Josephine Walmer; Past Department President, Estella Huffman; five comrades of the Post, Army Nurse, Grandma Smith, were welcomed in due form. A splendid chicken dinner was served by Montpelier Corps to the visiting members and comrades.

The Montpelier Corps, with Bertha Twibell President, presented the work in a very efficient manner, Estella Huffman, of Hartford City, was Assistant Inspector.

Beautiful bouquets of asters were presented to the Department President, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Twibell and Mrs. Sutton after short talks were given by each.

The following officers were elected: President, Bertha Twibell; Sr. Vice President, Etta Bickell, Ft. Wayne; Treasurer, Lizzie Stewart, Hartford City. Bluffton asked for the next convention giving the yell lead by the Department Chaplain, Mrs. Walmer.

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Who are We?

Bluffton! Bluffton!

Don't you See?

C-O-N-V-E-N-T-I-O-N

1920

Bluffton! Bluffton!

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

ROSE SUTTON,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 9

The annual convention of the Ninth District met in Noblesville November 14, 1919. Convention was called to order by the District President, Addie Thomas, of Joseph R. Gordon Corps No. 43 of Indianapolis.



The various Corps gave splendid reports of the year's work.

Mr. Waltz, a member of the American Legion was escorted into the room by the Color Bearers and gave an interesting talk to which Melissa Caylor responded. A report of the National convention was given by Mrs. Kincaid. Our Department President, Eva Courtney, gave an interesting talk. Lookout Relief Corps presented the work and was inspected by the Department Inspector.

Memorial services for the deceased comrades and members of the district during the year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mary Moore, Westfield; Sr. Vice President, Reihe Andersen, Lebanon; Treasurer, Tillie Hays, Noblesville;

Convention to be held in Lebanon next year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ANNA C. GARDNER,

District Secretary.

#### District No. 10

The twentieth convention of the Tenth District of the Woman's Relief Corps, convened with Stone River Corps No. 84, Oct. 14, 1919.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the entertaining Corps who introduced the District President, Mary Maish, of Corps No. 48. The following were introduced: Department President, Eva K. Courtney; Department Inspector, Clara Wilson; Past Department President, Mary M. Sims; Past Department President, Melissa Caylor

The address of welcome was given by Ada Stonebrake and the response by Etta Ostrander of Corps No. 142.

The reports from the various Corps were interesting and gave evidence of much work being done.

Impressive memorial services were held for our deceased comrades and members. The songs sung by Mrs. McElumroch added much to the sacredness of the occasion.

Mrs. Cumigore delighted the audience with a solo and a reading entitled "Cheer up, Pay up."

Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Mary Boyd, Colfax; Sr. Vice President, Alice O'Haver, I. S. S. Home; Jr. Vice President, Emma Stockton, Lafayette; Treasurer, Bessie James, Lafayette; Chaplain, Grace Price, Frankfort. Anna Schmitz, of Lafayette, was recommended National Delegate.

Greetings were extended by three members of the "War Mothers Organization." Captain Wood Unger of the American Legion was presented and gave a fine talk to which Alice O'Haver responded. It was ruled that we give the organization our hearty support.

Ada Wallace gave the report of the National convention. In response to an invitation, it was decided to hold the next convention at I. S. S. Home.

Stone River No. 84, exemplified the work, with Clara Wilson Department Inspector.

The Department President gave a "good cheer" talk which was enjoyed by all.

A picnic dinner was served in the Corps room which added to the spirit of friendship.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
ELIZABETH SIMS LEE,  
District Secretary.

#### District No. 11

The convention held at Huntington was called to order at 10:30 a. m. with Mrs. Bell, the President of Corps No. 42 in her chair. Mrs. Madge Wall of Logansport, District President, was introduced to the convention, and immediately took her station. The Department president, Eva Courtney was introduced. The address of welcome was given by Myra Doub and Mrs. Eisman of Columbia City, responded.

Reports were read from the following Corps: Wabash, North Manchester, Logansport, Roanoke, Rochester, Huntington, Kokomo, Warsaw and Pierceton were not represented.

At the hour of eleven all stood in silence, facing the east, in memory of our dead of the World War, this being the anniversary of Armistice Day.

There were 79 members at the convention, including a number of ladies from Columbia City.

The report of the National convention was given by National Delegate, Myra Doub.

Logansport was chosen convention city for 1920.

Carrie Mills was chosen District President; Mrs. Mary Spach, Senior Vice President; Mary Love, Treasurer. Mrs. Ross was recommended National Delegate and Mrs. McCarter Alternate.

The Ritualistic Work was given by Jas. R. Black Corps No. 42 with Ella McCarter, Assistant Inspector.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
KITTY KELSEY,  
Secretary pro tempore.

#### District No. 12

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Twelfth District convened at Goshen, October 24, 1919.

Meeting called to order by the president after which the chairs were filled by the district officers, Henrietta Milner, Ligonier, District President. Welcome address given by Mrs. Rogers, response by Ella Braun.

Sr. Vice president, Bessie Burns, gave a report of the National convention.

Howell Corps No. 32 exemplified the work of the Ritual.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Rogers, Goshen; Sr. Vice President, Mrs. Williamson, Goshen; Treasurer, Mrs. Finn, Elkhart. Mrs. Bryner was indorsed as National Delegate and Cora Tihl as Alternate.

Elkhart was chosen as the place for next convention.

Number of delegates and visitors present, seventy-three.

AMANDA SMALLEY,  
District Secretary.



## District No. 13

The twenty-ninth annual convention of District No. 13 met October 21, 1919, in the I. O. O. F. hall at Hammond.

Convention called to order by the Senior Vice President of Corps No. 248, who introduced District President, Jennie Hubbard, of Hammond.

The following Department and Past Department officers were introduced: Ina Cunningham, Department Junior Vice President; Millie Davis, Department I. and I. officer; Genevieve Frantz, Past Department President; Ida K. Snider, Past Department Secretary; Mary F. Stiles, Past Department Senior Vice President; Rose Busing, Past Department President, Florida.

After singing America and repeating The Lord's Prayer, the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Homey, of Hammond, and Mrs. Anna Rose, of Valparaiso, responded.

A beautiful and impressive memorial service was conducted by Anna Rose. Miss Josephine Frazier gave the address for the sisters.

Wm. H. Calkins Corps No. 248 exemplified the Ritualistic work. The following officers were elected: President, Julia Smith, 521 N. Scott St., South Bend; Sr. Vice President, Cora Miller, Laporte; Treasurer, Mollie Bradley, South Bend. Ida K. Snider was endorsed as delegate to the National convention and Mary F. Stiles was endorsed as Department President.

South Bend was selected as place for next convention. A vote of thanks to Jennie Hubbard for her efficient work. Minutes of the convention read and approved. Convention closed in usual form.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOSEPHINE FRAZIER,

District Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

BESSIE BURNS,

Department Senior Vice President.

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Report of Junior Vice President

Valparaiso, Indiana, April 7, 1920.

Mrs. Edna E. Pauley, Dept. Secretary W. R. C., Indianapolis, Ind.:

In accordance with the obligation assumed in accepting the office of Junior Vice President, I respectfully submit the following statement as my report to the Department convention.

The duties of my office have been honorary rather than active. No demands upon time, nor requests for service, have been made throughout the year, owing to the efficiency of Eva R. Courtney, our highly esteemed President, and the competency of Bessie Burns, our worthy Senior Vice President.

Relieved of responsibilities, which I stood ready to assume, it has been my pleasure to co-operate in spirit with those who have carried the burdens, and to rejoice in the accomplishment of all that tends to strengthen our noble organization.

With warm appreciation for the confidence implied in the bestowal

of the office and assurance of my unswerving fidelity to the interests of our order, I am

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

INA CUNNINGHAM,

Department Junior Vice President.

### Report of Patriotic Instructor

Anderson, Ind., April 28, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary W. R. C.,

In compliance with the rules of our order the following report is submitted.

This office came to me when our country was in its greatest war. We found ourselves short in literature and material to work with. But with all of this I have found great pleasure in helping to distribute patriotism. "One Country, One Language, One Flag," has always been foremost in my mind. To accomplish good work in the department, much good depends upon aid from local Patriotic Instructors as well as each member of the Woman's Relief Corps. It seems to me that the only way by which Patriotic Instruction can be advanced, as it should, and made valuable to the Department, is that each Corps should fill out all reports required by the head of the Department, faithfully, sincerely and as nearly correct as possible. I do not see how the Patriotic Instructor can give the required help unless she knows where it is needed. I am thoroughly satisfied that more patriotic work is done than our Corps tell us about. Blanks were sent to all Corps but many came back uncalled for, some were not answered at all, and only 25 Corps reported. If ever there was a time we should teach Patriotism it is now. Our whole country is in a dreadfully unsettled condition. So much is left for the woman to do, she should study the laws of our country and be able to teach the foreign people what a good free country America is. We can make good citizens out of them if we stand united for our constitution. From reports, I find various kinds of good work in different ways being done among the Corps. Contributions have been subscribed for Foreign Relief, Flags have been purchased for American Legion Posts and patriotic talks have been given before clubs and Parent-Teacher meetings, mottoes have been written and distributed for the good of our country; Armenian orphans have been taken by Corps which is a wonderfully good work. Banquets have been held for World War boys as well as for the G. A. R. A number of Corps are giving regular entertainments for the veterans of '61 many of which are past working and the time drags heavily with them. I would suggest, here, that every Woman's Relief Corps would take this up and entertain the grand old G. A. R. often. Most all of the Corps celebrated the anniversaries which we are asked to do, and hope more interest will be taken in Flag Day next June 14th. Keep your eye on our beautiful Flag, do not let it be dishonored. If you find one worn and faded roll it up carefully and tenderly and burn it. Do not let it be cast into the rubbish.

Reports submitted to me are as follows:

Major May Post No. 70 of Anderson, Indiana, has been very active. Personally I have made patriotic addresses before Federation of Clubs,



Parent-Teacher's meetings, visited schools and institutes finding most schools with the Flag. I distributed and mailed 400 circular letters No. 1. The Corps presented the George Hockett Post No. 127 of the American Legion with a beautiful silk Flag. Tipton, Indiana, distributed a splendid motto for the good of our country, "I will obey and uphold the laws of my country. Honor its institutions and principles for which it stands."

Schools visited by Patriotic Instructors.....	78
Flags placed in school houses.....	23
Flags presented to Sunday schools and churches.....	4
Flags presented to public institutions.....	22
Flag salutes and leaflets distributed.....	353
Independence charts placed in school rooms.....	53
Oleographs of Stars and Stripes placed in school rooms.....	100
Patriotic selections placed in school rooms.....	108
Patriotic contests held.....	7
Corps observed McKinley Day.....	24
Corps observed Lincoln's Birthday.....	23
Corps observed Washington's birthday.....	23
Corps observed Peace and Arbitration.....	23
Amount of money spent by Corps.....	\$723.21

I extend to the President my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me in my appointment to this office, thanking all who aided me in any way.

Submitted in F. C. & L.,  
**MARY CATHERINE HITT,**  
 Department Patriotic Instructor.

### Report of Department Inspector

Lebanon, Ind., April 14, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Secretary Department of Indiana, W. R. C.,  
 Dear Madam:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit the report of inspection for the year ending August 31, 1919.

Number of Corps in Department.....	121
Number of Corps inspected.....	94
Number of Corps disbanded.....	
Number of Corps represented at last Dept. Convention.....	35

### Greatest Amount of Money Expended for Relief

No. 7	Sion S. Bass.....	\$ 57.70
No. 44	Anderson .....	82.51
No. 107	Erwin .....	200.00
No. 9	Sanderson .....	51.90
No. 20	Thomas .....	92.00
No. 32	Howell .....	50.00

### Greatest Amount of Money Expended for Patriotic Work

No. 1	Norman Eddy .....	\$ 93.25
No. -4	Auten .....	524.16

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No. 16	Patton .....	150.50
No. 24	Chaplain Brown .....	146.55
No. 32	Howell .....	88.00
No. 51	Cambridge City .....	91.75
No. 92	Paul E. Slocum .....	87.85
No. 119	Williams .....	77.90

## Estimated Value of Relief Other Than Money, \$100.00 or More

No. 7	Sion S. Bass .....	\$491.50
No. 9	Sanderson .....	370.30
No. 59	Geo. B. Stough .....	317.57
No. 117	Elwood .....	215.58
No. 138	Johnston .....	175.25
No. 212	Harrow .....	130.50

## Greatest Amount Given to Post

No. 1	Norman Eddy .....	\$135.00
No. 32	Howell .....	78.00
No. 138	Johnston .....	41.16
No. 154	Stansbury .....	72.00

## Corps Whose Membership is 125 or More

No. 7	Sion S. Bass .....	140
No. 10	Chapman .....	183
No. 14	Auten .....	190
No. 20	Thomas .....	180
No. 24	Chaplain Brown .....	142
No. 44	Anderson .....	173
No. 59	Stough .....	164
No. 70	Major May .....	126
No. 72	Lookout .....	132
No. 74	McPherson .....	138
No. 78	Jas. Price .....	139
No. 84	Stone River .....	127

I regret, very much, that for legitimate reasons, some of our Corps could not be inspected, although reports were received from part of the number.

As Department Inspector, I wish to say, I found it was not satisfactory to have inspection the same day of District Convention, as the time is so taken with convention work that the Ritualistic work was not as well done as on the regular day.

My official relations with the District Inspectors was very pleasant, and I thank them for the faithful service they have given our work. My official relation with the Department President, will soon be over, but I trust that the friendship which existed between us may last to the end of time, and I extend my thanks to her for the honor bestowed.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CLARA A. WILSON,

Department Inspector.



## Report of Christmas Committee

Montpelier, Indiana, May 3, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Dept. Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps,

Dear Madam:

I have the honor to submit through you to the convention the following report of the Christmas Committee for Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home.

Sometime in October I received from our Department President a list of childrens' names which had been prepared by the governesses of the Home. This list contained three hundred seventy-eight names and each child had been given the privilege of expressing, first, second and third choice of gifts desired. The list had to be classified and presents chosen to please each child best, and also harmonize with the Christmas fund.

As Chairman of the committee this was left for me to do, subject to changes by the Department President and the two other members of the committee. No easy task was before me and sincere thanks I render unto Mrs. Sawyer, Past Department President, and a friend in need, who so graciously came to my assistance.

A time was set, convenient to our Department President and to all parties concerned, to meet in Indianapolis for the purpose of purchasing these gifts. Executing my duty as Chairman, I notified Cora Hood of Bluffton and Emma Reed of Richmond, who were the remaining two members of the W. R. C. committee. At a late date they informed me that they could not possibly assist on account of illness in their families. This was a disappointment and worry but our Department President, Eva Courtney, always so sweet and obliging, assured me of her presence and help.

On the 8th day of December I met Mrs. Courtney by appointment in Muncie and we travelled on to Indianapolis and arrived there 11:30 a. m. The Spanish American War Veterans' Auxiliary had been asked to send a committee to meet and work with us. Mrs. Marie Williams and Mrs. Maud Shull, representing this organization, met us and we ventured forth to perform our task.

We stopped for three days at various wholesale and retail stores, and I dare say a more friendly, congenial bunch of women never worked together before. Perfect harmony was prevailing and I wish to speak for all parties concerned, that we enjoyed our labor of love and Christmas cheer, immensely.

Almost everything imaginable was included in our purchase. Useful as well as ornamental gifts and toys—from a frenc harp and "coon-jigger" to bibles, safety razors, suit-cases, kimonos and more expensive things for the older children. As always before the little girls wished for sleeping dolls. These fascinating little creatures very scarce and very high priced so we had to select the next best. I must say they were not so pretty as the sleeping beauties, but thanks to the ladies of U. S. W. V. Auxiliary, who dressed them, they were made very attractive and pleasing to the little tots.

As I have said before ours was a task of love which created sincere sisterly feelings and everlasting true friendship between us all who participated.

I regret very much that I could not be with these ladies on Christmas Morn' at the Home, to see the fruits of our labor reflected in the happy faces of the children. From all reports I have heard, they were

very happy, thanks to you, members of the W. R. C. as well as the members of the G. A. R. and the Spanish American War Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary who so liberally donated to the Christmas fund.

I also take an opportunity here to again express my appreciation to our Past National President, Mrs. Ida McBride, who so charmingly entertained us at luncheon and also to Mrs. Edna E. Pauley, Past Department President, whose liberal hospitality we enjoyed the last night of our stay in Indianapolis.

To you, my dear Mrs. President, I owe so much for this pleasure. To be with you and work with you is to know you better and love you the more. I sincerely thank you for this great privilege.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

BERTHA MARION TWIBELL,

Chairman of Christmas Committee.

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Bluffton, Ind., April 14, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Department Sec'y. W. R. C.:

First may I thank the women of the Department of Indiana for the honor of serving as Chaplain in our beloved order, and for the many letters of love and cheer that "found their way to my hearthstone?"

Last year at convention our hearts as well as our hands were full. Each one striving to do her best to keep "the home fires burning" till the dear lads "over there" reached the shelter of our arms. Yet we learned, by the terrible baptism of blood through which we passed, that all boundary lines had been washed away, and we heard and answered not only the heart-cries of our own countrymen but of the World as well.

Other organizations may hew new paths for other heroes, but it was our privilege—way back yonder—to catch the vision, "of caring for the soldier and his dependent ones."

Standing as we do today in the light of the glory of past achievements, we must not grow faint-hearted, but buckle on the armor anew and go forth to work valiantly side by side with our comrades so long as a veteran be left.

Without meaning to add a note of discord, may I not again urge the sending of the Chaplains' reports to the Department Chaplain not later than June 20th. The reports from 16 Corps came too late to be contained in the work of this year.

I have the honor to present the following report for year ending June 30, 1920:

#### Report

Number of Corps reported.....	69
Number of Members taking part on Memorial Day.....	2,058
Number of Children taking part.....	10,563
Number of Soldiers' graves decorated.....	23,952
What Expense was incurred by Corps?.....	\$256.12
Number of Corps providing Refreshments for Post.....	6
Number of Corps providing Flowers for Post.....	66
Number of Corps preparing Memorial for the "Unknown Dead"	53



Number of Corps attending the Sabbath Memorial Services..	63
Number of Corps adjacent to large streams or bodies of water	33
Number of Corps preparing tribute for our "Sailor-Soldier Dead" .....	39
Amount contributions for Memorial Day in the South.....	\$ 48.00
Number of members lost by death May 30 to May 30.....	151
Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L., JOSEPHINE WALMER, Department Chaplain.	

### Report of Press Correspondent

Winchester, Ind., April 20, 1920.

To Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary:

I hereby submit my annual report as Department Press Correspondent. This has been a very pleasant year for me in the Woman's Relief Corps, and I wish to thank our Department President for the honor she has conferred upon one, who though rather young in the work is willing to labor and to learn; for I greatly appreciated the advantage of having her so near me during the year, and for her kindly advice in matters pertaining to my work. And I want to thank everyone of the Corps Press Correspondents for the many clippings and encouraging letters, all of which spoke of the perfect harmony existing between Post and Corps.

Let us strive to maintain that harmony to keep ever before us the flag we love; and to always remember our duty to its loyal defenders for their numbers are growing smaller each year, and soon the Grand Army of the Republic will be but a sacred memory to this large auxiliary that has the opportunity to become larger as the years go by; and I trust we shall always be ready to render aid and cooperation to the boys of the American Legion, who are now banded together as did the Boys of '61.

To my successor in office I trust that the year of 1920 and 1921 will be as enjoyable to you as it has been to me in gaining a broader view of the wonderful work the various Corps in the Department are doing and may the Corps Press Correspondent be as faithful and diligent in their work as the Press Correspondents of 1919 and 1920 have been to me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
MARY E. DODDS,  
Department Press Correspondent.

### Report of Instituting and Installing Officer

Hammond, Indiana, April 17, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary:

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor and pleasure to submit my report, as Department Instituting and Installing officer to the 37th annual convention.

Election returns received are as follows: 108 Corps reported; 61



had joint installation with Post; 2 had joint installation with the American Legion. Balance private.

My year's work has been a very pleasant one and many loving messages were sent with the reports. When our Department President, Eva R. Courtney, honored my Corps (William Calkins No. 2488 with an appointment of an I. and I. officer, I accepted the office with the determination to work for our beloved order and to assist our worthy Department President.

I am proud to report the institution of a new Corps in Whiting, Indiana, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt No. 263 with a charter membership of 34, present membership 49 and a number to be initiated, also a Corps at Indiana Harbor, Harry C. Long No. 264, instituted May 6, 1920.

At this time I want to thank our Department President, Eva R. Courtney for the honor conferred upon my Corps as well as myself for the appointment as an I. and I. officer and her letters of cheer.

I especially extend my sincere thanks to our Department Secretary, Edna E. Pauley, for her kind assistance and her words of commendation were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MILLIE DAVIS,

Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

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#### Department Counselor's Report

Indianapolis, May 8, 1920.

Mrs. Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps:

Dear Madam:

In accordance with the laws of our Order I herewith tender my report as Department Counselor. I accepted the office hoping I might be of some service to the Department President in her work. If I have in any way been helpful, part of my duty has been fulfilled, and I am grateful to her for making me a member of her official family.

Whenever asked, my advice has been cheerfully given. There have been no complicated questions or matters requiring official action or decision, and I congratulate the President on the harmony that has prevailed and that her administration has been so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA S. McBRIDE,

Department Counselor.

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#### Report of Senior Aide

Muncie, Indiana, April 30, 1920.

Edna E. Pauley, Department Secretary:

In accordance with Rules and Regulations of our Order, I make the following report of work accomplished by the Aides the past year.

Was very much surprised when our dear Department President asked me to fill the office but hope that I have not been a disappointment to her and I have enjoyed the year of service to our beloved order and only wish we could have accomplished more.





Under instruction from the Department President I issued one circular letter.

Not receiving the blanks from headquarters until so very late the work to be done by the Aides was greatly handicapped.

Sent out 112 Aide Blanks.

Had returned to me 75.

Number of new members secured by Aides 274.

Number of members by reinstatement 35.

Number of members by transfer 1.

Making a total of 310 members secured by Aides.

Number of cases of desecration of the Flag corrected 23.

Members secured for Posts 2.

Visits made to Corps other than their own 130.

A large number of Aides attended the District meetings and I attended the National Convention held at Columbus, Ohio.

Much fruit, jelly and juices were sent to Lafayette for use in the hospital and Farragut Corps sent a box containing twenty dozen hard boiled eggs at Easter time.

Chaplain Brown Corps held services on Arbor Day and planted two trees on the lawn of the Library; are supporting a French Orphan and presented a silk flag to the mother of a soldier who lost his life in the World's War.

Several Corps report the adoption of Armenian children for a year.

Am sure every Aide extends sympathy to sisters Isabella Bennett and Leah Carmicheal both of whom are mourning the loss of their companions.

In closing I wish to thank all Aides who responded and worked so faithful; am sure this, our year of service has been well spent in a noble cause in helping our Department President make this her year a success.

Am sorry that every Aide could not respond for reasons known to herself the best, for:

"It is not the things we do,  
It is the things we leave undone  
That gives us a little heart ache  
At the setting of the sun."

Again I thank our Department President for the privilege of serving the Department this year and hope the link that has been welded in the chain of our lives will not end with this year but become stronger as years go by.

Submitted in F. C. & L.

ELIZABETH PEARSEY,  
Department Senior Aide.